

After graduation I attended business school in Sioux City and then got a job as a secretary there in Sioux City. I worked there for three years until Butch and I were married. He was working for Western Electric at that time so we bought a mobile home as we traveled with that job going where ever the work was. Those were fun years meeting new friends on the road, but after our two daughters were born it was time to settle down in one place so we moved back to Poky. A few years later we decided to fulfill Butch's dream of moving to Minnesota and running a resort. We had a small fishing resort at Alexandria, Minnesota with four cabins which we operated during the summer months for 35 years. I also worked in town most of the years. I waitressed at the Country Kitchen for a while, then worked at a crop duster spray plane factory for a few years. I ended up working the last 17 years of my career at a factory where we made parts for lots of different machines. I worked in the office taking the orders from customers, making sure the parts got made, and shipping them to the customers. At age 55 I retired from there, but we still ran the resort until five years ago.

We have two daughters (Kristi and Brenda) and 3 grandsons (Brady, Will, and Tyler). Kristi and her two live only about 20 minutes from us and Brenda and her one son live in Ankeny, IA.

We winter in Pharr, Texas (way down in the Rio Grande Valley next to McAllen) for almost six months during the winter. I love that life! We do some square dancing, I do a lot of exercise classes both on land and in the wonderful pool we have at our park, spend the afternoons in the pool with friends, and then most evenings I go and play some kind of cards. There are so many activities going on that one can do as much or as little as you want.

I love flower gardening and am beginning to realize for my age I have too many gardens to take care of, but like any garden lover, I add more plants every year. I belong to a garden club and really enjoy that. I also am active with church things. We play cards with friends every week also. Retirement is fun, but busy!

See you in August. Nev (Geneva) Nickel